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SUBJ: VISIT OF CHINESE FISHERIES DELEGATION

1. REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE COPENHAGEN REPORTS ITEM IN FISHERIES PUBLICATION FISKAREN ANNOUNCING VISIT OF 6-MEN MAINLAND CHINESE FISHERIES DELEGATION. DELEGATION LED BY HSIA FENG, VISIT TO LAST 6 WEEKS. INITIATIVE APPARENTLY CAME FROM CHINESE WHO INTERESTED STUDYING NORWAY'S FISHERIES. VISIT CONFIRMED CHINESE RADIO BROADCAST OCTOBER 25 GIVING OCTOBER 24 AS DEPARTURE DATE AND IDENTIFYING FENG AS DIRECTOR AQUATIC PRODUCTS BUREAU (EQUIVALENT TO NORWEGIAN FISHERIES MINISTER).

2. RUMORS CIRCULATING FOR YEARS ABOUT IMPENDING CHINESE EXPANSION INTO HIGH-SEAS FISHERIES. NO SUCH DEVELOPMENT
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OBSERVED YET, CHINESE FISH MAINLY FOR FRESHWATER OR COASTAL

MARINE SPECIES. NORWEGIAN VISIT MAY INDICATE BEGINNING
EXPANSION INTO HIGH-SEAS FISHERIES AND POSSIBILITY
CHINESE FISHING NORTH PACIFIC AND BERING SEA OFF
U.S. ALASKAN AND NORTH PACIFIC COASTS.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN:

A. NAMES OF CHINESE DELEGATES.

B. IS CHINESE INTEREST DIRECTED TOWARDS HIGH-SEAS FISHERIES,
(PURCHASE OF HIGH-SEAS VESSELS, GEAR AND PROCESSING EQUIPMENT)
OR LIMITED TO ADVANCED FISH PROCESSING MACHINERY FOR
BETTER UTILIZATION OF PRESENT COASTAL CATCH?

C. ARE CHINESE INTERESTED IN EXPORTING FISHERY PRODUCTS
TO NORWAY?

D. WILL CHINESE REQUIRE NORWEGIAN TECHNICAL AID?

E. HAVE NORWEGIANS OBTAINED ANY DATA (ORAL OR PRINTED) ON
CHI COM FISHERIES?

4. THERE IS GREAT PAUCITY OF INFORMATION CHINESE FISHERIES
BOTH IN U.S. AND CANADA. UNDERSTAND SEVERAL CANADIAN
DELEGATIONS TOURING CHINA EXPRESSED INTEREST IN VISITING
FISHING PORTS, PROCESSING PLANTS, FRESHWATER FISHERY
COMMUNES, ETC., BUT MET NO RESPONSE FROM CHINESE FOR
UNEXPLAINABLE REASONS.

5. ANY NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS DESCRIBING VISIT WOULD BE APPRECI-
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